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02-18-2010 :: Gateway Quarter "Green" Building Mottainai Sold Out

## News Release

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## SOLD!

### Over-the-Rhine condos built by HGC Construction attract buyers with 'green'

*Lofts of Mottainai, the first LEED Silver condominiums in OTR, sell out!*

CINCINNATI, OH (February 19, 2010) „ÿ Condominiums built by HGC Construction in Over-the-Rhine that earned recognition for their sustainable design have sold out „ÿ demonstrating the demand for "green" urban living spaces in Cincinnati.

HGC, a leading builder of sustainable design in urban areas, completed the Lofts of Mottainai in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood less than a year ago. The condominium complex won a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver rating from the U.S. Green Building Council. It is the first certified LEED Silver condominium complex in Over-the-Rhine and the first in the LEED for Homes Mid-Rise program in downtown Cincinnati.

HGC constructed the eight sleek loft condominiums by renovating two 100-year-old buildings that are four stories high. The Lofts of Mottainai are located at **1222-1224 Republic Street**. Wichman Gunther Architects designed the project. **Northpointe Group/B2B Equities** were developers.

"Our renovation of these historic structures serves as a perfect model of how older buildings can be brought back to life using environmentally responsible materials to create beautiful and energy-efficient living spaces in an urban setting," said Mike Huseman, President of HGC Construction.

"This is very significant, said Steve Leeper, president and CEO of 3CDC. "HGC Construction and everyone involved in this project should be proud. Creating green urban living spaces that attract new homebuyers to Over-the-Rhine will help drive the momentum for the neighborhood's success."

### Green elements of the Lofts of Mottainai

Green elements involved in constructing the Lofts of Mottainai include reuse of reclaimed brick and wood joists; low VOC paints; bamboo and cork flooring; Energy Star HVAC systems and appliances; water-saving plumbing fixtures such as low-flow showers and dual-flush toilets; compact fluorescent lighting and drought-tolerant plantings.

The Mottainai loft homeowners also enjoy an eco-friendly lifestyle that will save them money with smart energy meters, high efficiency HVAC systems, energy efficient lighting and appliances and the convenience of bike racks and a recycling cove. Interiors have Quartz countertops, translucent paneling made from recycled two-liter bottles and a modern feel with bold Asian color accents. Outdoors, the owners enjoy roof-top decks, balconies and patios.

### Other urban condos sold

HGC Construction also constructed the Duncanson Lofts, a 25-unit condominium complex located in six buildings at the corner of 12th and Vine in Cincinnati's Gateway Quarter. These possess striking architectural features inside and out, with gorgeous bay windows offering dramatic city views.

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Named for Robert Scott Duncanson, an influential African-American painter in the 19th century, Duncanson Lofts combine historical artistry with modern amenities. This condominium complex also has sold out.

#### Experts in green construction

HGC Construction is earning a reputation in the region for its expertise in the construction of LEED-certified projects, including both renovation of existing structures and new buildings. In addition to the Lofts of Mottainai, HGC's recent green projects include:

- „ **The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden's** Historic Vine Street Village, which involves multiple buildings, walkways and gardens over two acres, and the Zoo's new Transit Pavilion. The Historic Vine Street Village project won a LEED Platinum rating from the U.S. Green Building Council; the Transit Pavilion has been certified as LEED Gold.
- „ **Emersion Design's offices**, also certified as LEED Platinum. Emersion Design is an architecture and engineering firm located at the **Hamilton County Business Center** in Norwood.

#### The Lofts of Mottainai

Construction:	<b>HGC Construction</b>
Project Manager:	<b>Bill Smith, of HGC</b>
Architect:	<b>Wichman Gunther Architects</b>
Developers:	<b>Northpointe Group/B2B Equities</b>
Units:	<b>Eight loft condominiums</b>
Location:	<b>1222 Republic Street, Cincinnati</b>
Completed:	<b>April 2009</b>

#### About HGC Construction

HGC Construction has been known for excellence in construction since 1931. Recently HGC has earned recognition for its outstanding expertise in the construction of "green" projects in urban neighborhoods, including both renovations of existing structures and construction of new buildings that have won Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Recent work includes the Cincinnati Zoo's Historic Vine Street Village, Cincinnati Union Terminal, Hughes Center (high school), The Mercantile Library and the offices of Scripps Networks and Emersion Design.

Headquartered in Cincinnati, HGC operates throughout the Midwest and is a full-service general contracting firm with a well-earned reputation for quality workmanship that inspires its general construction, construction management and design/build services. HGC is now a family of companies that includes Structural Systems Repair Group (SSRG) and Stanton Millworks. Visit [www.HGCconstruction.com](http://www.HGCconstruction.com)

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